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Please cancel claims 1-19.

Please add the following new claims 20-23.

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20. (New) A composite film comprising:  
amorphous hard carbon composed mainly of carbon and hydrogen,  
and containing a carbide and an oxide of at least one metal,  
characterized in that atomic % of the at least one metal of the  
carbide is greater than that of the at least one metal of the  
oxide.

21. (New) A composite film according to claim 20, wherein  
the at least one metal is selected from the group consisting of Si,  
Ti, B, and W.

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22. (New) A composite film according to claim 20, wherein  
the carbide is SiC and the oxide is SiO<sub>2</sub>.